

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:]
Anton FRITZER et al.]
Serial No.:] Group Art Unit _____
Filed: September 2, 2001]
For: CONTACT PRESSURE REGULATION]
SYSTEM]

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and before the calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

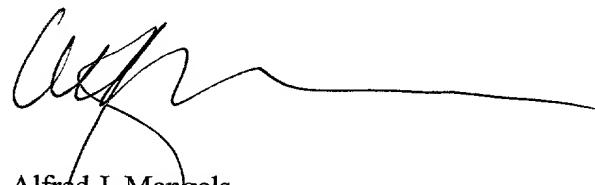
Kindly cancel claims 2 through 82 without prejudice or disclaimer

REMARKS

Claims 2 through 82 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer for the sole purpose of reducing the filing fee by reducing the number of claims and well as by eliminating multiple claim dependency. Applicants will present additional claims after the translation of the application is filed. Those additional claims will include claims directed to a continuously variable transmission that includes a contact pressure regulation system in accordance with the application

disclosure, as well as claims directed to a method of operating a contact pressure system in accordance with the application disclosure. In that regard, the cancelled claims include claims directed to a continuously variable transmission that includes a contact pressure regulation system in accordance with the application disclosure, as well as claims directed to a method of operating a contact pressure system in accordance with the application disclosure, which evidence applicants' intention to claim that subject matter as forming part of their invention..

Respectfully submitted,



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